



DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DBT: Initiatives and Schemes to Promote Innovation and RD&D in Biofuels

Dr. Sangita Kasture
Department of Biotechnology
Ministry of Science & Technology
Government of India

3rd EU-India Biofuel Conference
3-4 March, 2020



DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Biofuel R&D Strategy

DBT Vision: To develop economically viable biofuel production technologies

Strategy

Promote cutting edge R&D and Innovation

Create Centre of Excellence

Capacity Building

Strengthen International Cooperation

Areas of Focus

Feedstock development, Improvement of conversion technologies, 2G

Ethanol, Enzymes, Advance biofuels, Waste to Energy, Cutting edge research



Various Schemes for Implementation in Biofuel R&D

Capacity Building

Energy Bioscience Chairs
Energy Bioscience
Overseas
Fellowships
B-ACER Program

R&D Program

Re-engineered feed stock
Re-engineered microbes,
Enzymes
Improved conversion
technologies
Waste to Energy

Algal Biofuel

Collection and
characterization
Establishment of
repositories
Development of production
system

5 Center of Excellence in Bioenergy

Promote cutting edge research

Systems & Synthetic Biology

International Collaboration

Bilateral Programs
Innovation
Biofuture Platform



DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Centres of Excellence in Bioenergy

1. Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai
2. Indian Oil Corporation R&D, Faridabad (cost sharing)
3. International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, New Delhi
4. Indian Institute of Technology (Virtual Centre of 5 IITs)
5. The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi

State-of the art facilities

Interdisciplinary teams

Capacity building

Cutting edge and Translational R&D

Various Bio-refinery Platforms



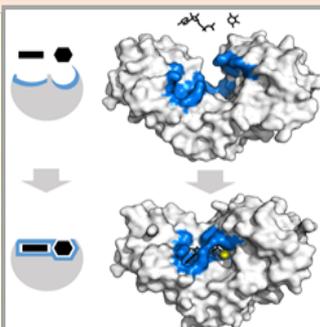
Green Chemistry and Catalysis

Processes for treating agro, agro-processing wastes

MSW & MLW & Nallah waste Treatment process optimization

Development of catalysts for efficient conversions and yields

Recycling of catalysts for better process economics



Enzyme Technology

Recycling Cellulases for sugar production in LBM wastes

Exploring new enzymes for higher efficacies and lower OPEXs associated with commercial usage

Validating enzymes and processes for higher sugar yields



Synthetic Biology

Designing microbes for utilizing sugars and phenolic monomers

High value products to support biofuel production

Eight different hosts being modified to suit high-value biorefineries

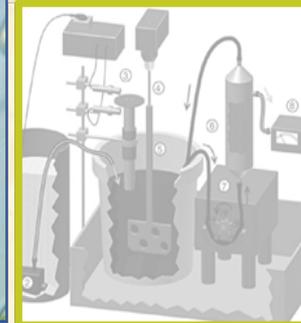


Algal Biotechnology

Genetic Engineering for Green Algae & Cyanobacteria

Growth Engineering of Macroalgae, Green Algae & Cyanobacteria

Screening & process optimization of Macroalgae, Green Algae & Cyanobacteria for producing Value added Products



Fermentation

2G ethanol

Butanol

Biogas

Organic Acids

Microbial Lipids

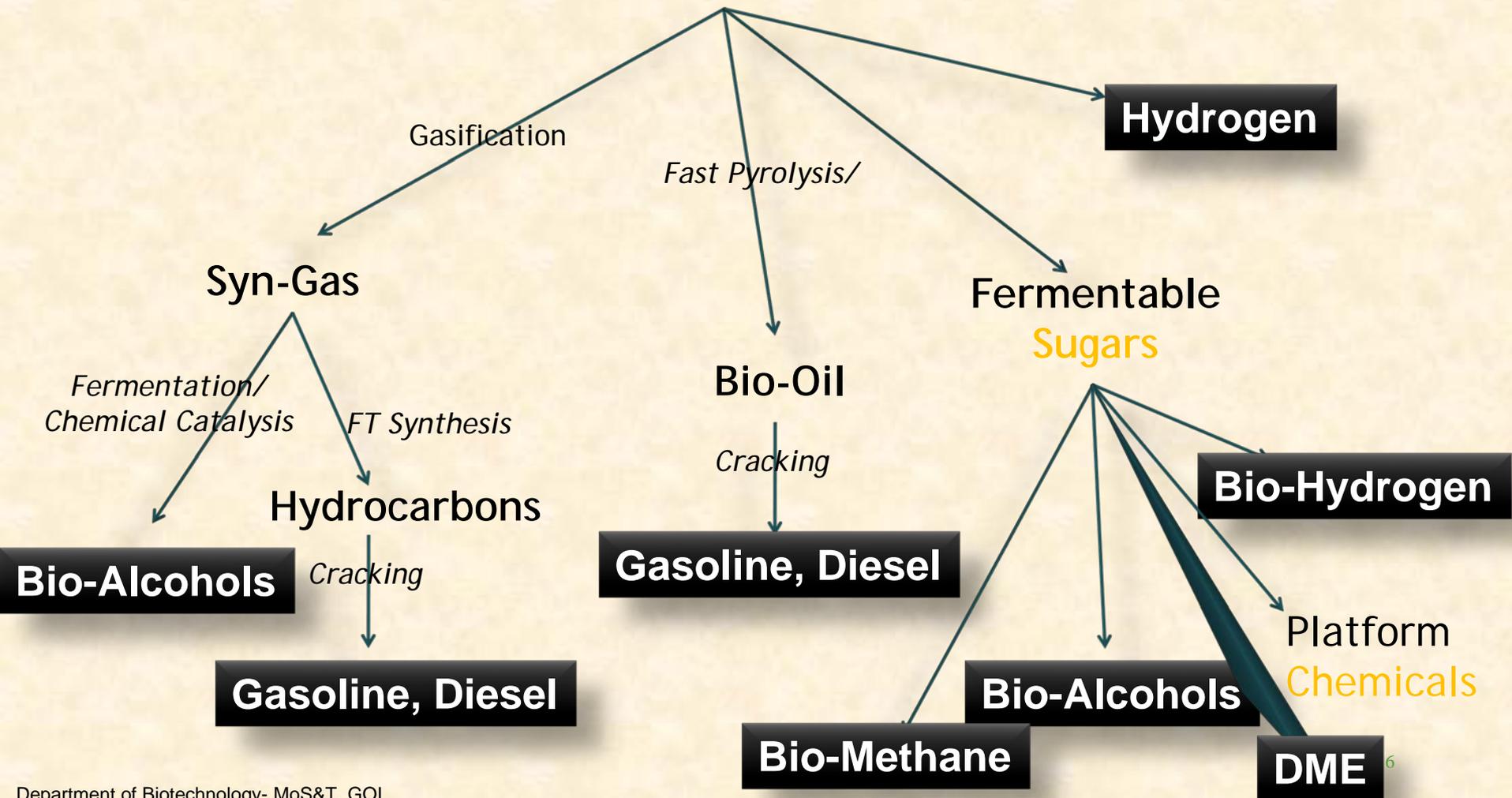


Integration & Implementation

- 2G Ethanol Technology
- MSW & MLW technology
- Nallah Cleaning Technology



Agricultural Biomass Biofuel Options





Biochemical Transformations

Biomass

Terrestrial
Marine/Aquatic
Waste

Engineering Microorganisms

- *E. Coli*
- *S. Cereviseae*
- *Corynebacteria*
- *Clostridia sp.*
- *Yarrowia sp.*
- *Pseudomonas sp.*
- *Lactobacilli*
- *Cyanobacteria*
- *Algae*
- *Methanogens*

Designing Catalysts

Chemical Catalysts

- Homogeneous
- Heterogeneous

Oligosaccharides
Sugars
Lignin
CTL Bio-Crude

S
E
P
A
R
A
T
I
O
N
S

Alcohols

- Methanol*
- Ethanol*
- Butanols*
- Xylitol*
- Butanediols*
- Isopropanol*

Organic Acids

- Acetic acid*
- Propionic acid*
- Butyric acid*
- Lactic acid*
- PHAs*
- FDCA*

TG/Fatty Acids

Amino Acids

Biopharmaceutica

Is(?)

Polymers

Hydrocarbons

- Terpenes*
- Methane*



सत्यमेव जयते

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Algal Biofuel

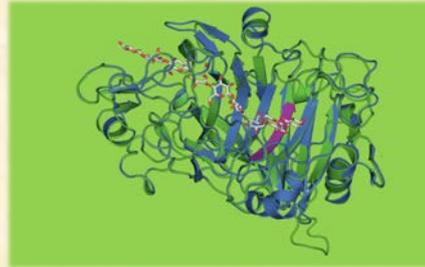


- Network Program
- Collection and Characterization
- R&D for strain improvement
- Design and development of algae production systems

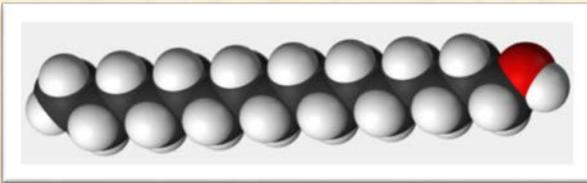




Biofuel Technology Development Status in India



2G EthanoTechnology



Biohydrocarbons

MSW to Energy-Swachh Bharat-
Novel technologies are being demonstrated



Biohydrogen- 1000 L



Scale up process of Bio-H₂ production



Clostridium butyricum
TM-9A culture as inoculum

Sugar cane molasses as feed stock



2.5 L scale bioreactor

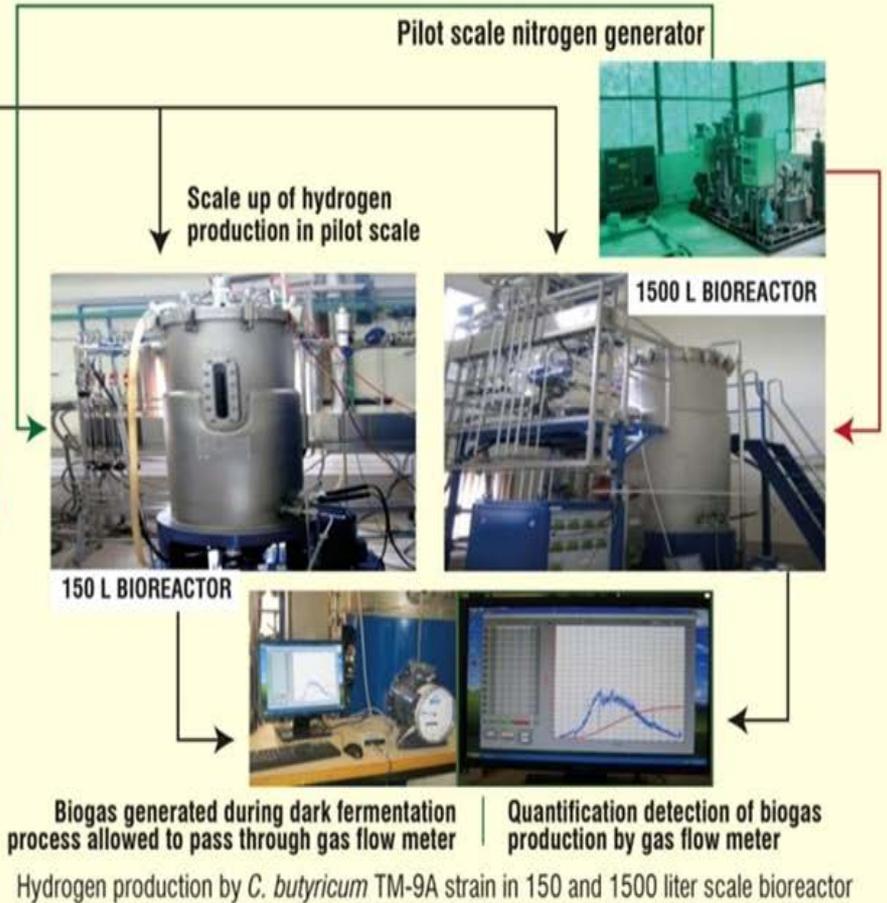


14 L scale bioreactor



30 L scale bioreactor

Fermentative biohydrogen production from molasses by *Clostridium butyricum* TM-9A strain, in laboratory scale & proto scale bioreactors





Demonstration Projects on MSW to Methane

Setting up Pilot Scale Demonstration Plant to convert 1 ton/day MSW into Energy
(By DBT-ICT at BPCL Colony, Mumbai)

Rapid AD Technology – **TRL- 5**

(1 TPD MSW + 200 m³ per day Sewage)



High rate Bio-Methanation of organic fraction of MSW for the generation of biogas based power and bio-manure (By IICT Hyd at GHMC Site)

(10TPD MSW) **TRL-9**

Co-Fermentation of Kitchen Waste and Fecal Sludge-
(BITs Goa with Village Panchayat)

Food waste : 10 to 15 TPD (from 1350 Hotels)

Black water : 10 to 20 m³ per day (from 200 community toilets)



Waste water treatment at DBT-ICT-CEB Mumbai

सत्यमेव जयते
DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



International Cooperation in Sustainable Biofuels

Mission Innovation- Lead role in many activities
Accelerating innovation through 14 R&D projects in
collaboration with 9 member countries

Provide ecosystem to
innovators/ start-ups
through Clean Energy Incubator

Biofuture Platform-
Member of Core group

Bilateral Collaboration
Brazil, Canada, Denmark,
Netherlands, UK

Department of Biotechnology- MoS&T





सत्यमेव जयते
DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Mission Innovation

To accelerate innovation in clean energy

Founder Member with active participation

International Sustainable Biofuel Conference in Feb 2018 in collaboration with IC4 Co-leads and Biofuture Platform in New Delhi

Funding Opportunity Announcement 2018 for Innovation Challenges(IC4) Sustainable
14 R&D projects with 9 member countries



Established the first International Clean Energy Incubator - collaboration with Sweden under Avoided Emission Framework.

MI Champions Program to support individuals innovations in clean energy

1.	Renewable drop-in fuels through oleochemical route	Canada
2.	Utilize CRISPR cas tools for redirecting metabolic flux in <i>Thermoanaerobacterium</i> sp RBIIT for biobutanol production	USA
3.	Novel concepts for developing efficient cellulolytic cocktails for hydrolysis of bio-refinery relevant pretreated lignocelluloses	Canada, USA, The Netherlands.
4.	A novel integrated biorefinery for conversion of lignocellulosic agro waste into value added products and bioenergy (<i>biohydrogen and methane</i>)	Norway, The Netherlands, USA, China, Saudi Arabia
5.	Hydrogen production from biomass through pyrolysis process followed by catalytic steam reforming of volatiles	Czech Republic
6.	Development of <i>Paenibacillus polymyxa</i> as a platform for production of branched chain alcohols (<i>isobutanol</i>)	USA, China
7.	Genetic engineering of microalgae for producing alkanes for further applications (<i>drop in jetfuel</i>)	UK
8.	Modifying the lignin composition in biomass sorghum and its deployment for enhanced ligno-cellulosic (2G) biofuel production	Australia
9.	Advanced biofuels generation from thermo-chemical conversion of biomass - Research, Demonstration and Analysis (<i>use of biomass and MSW to produce syn gas</i>)	Australia, USA
10.	Technology development for cost effective lignocellulosic bioethanol production	Brazil
11.	Catalytic aqueous-phase reforming of model compounds of microalgae and activated sludge	United Kingdom
12.	Impact of Carbon Nanomaterial based Photocatalyst on Microalgae Growth and Lipid for Improved Biodiesel	United Kingdom
13.	Membrane based prototype development for higher yield of microalgal biomass and biofuel using industrial waste resources	USA
14.	Department of Biotechnology - MoS&T Bio-chemical and technological innovations to develop high value 'green' chemicals from 2G lignin and improve biorefinery sustainability	USA



Industrial Waste Challenge (Newton-Bhabha Fund)

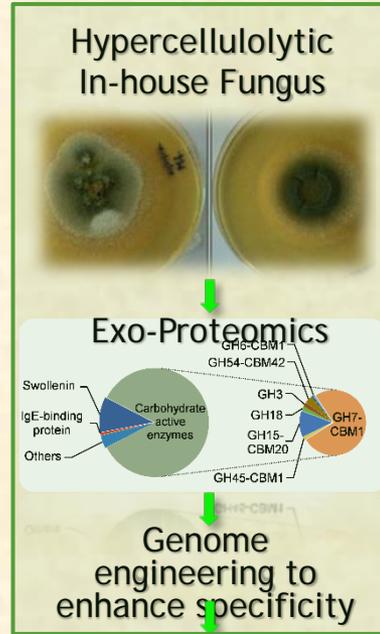
1. BIOREVIEW: Bio-refining Value from Industrial Waste
fatty acids (VFAs), xylitol and microcrystalline cellulose (MCC) from bagasse and spent wash
2. Economic non-food sugar from variable mixed solid waste for high value chemical products
Cellulose Enzyme for 2G ethanol
3. Integrated bio-refinery for converting paper mill waste into (waste-2-wealth)
Cellulose Enzyme and industrial microorganisms for value added products
4. Reducing industrial waste from sugarcane processing in India
Bio-butanol, succinic acid, lactic acid
5. Valorising Waste from Sugar Cane and paper mill waste
lysine and linalool



Reducing industrial waste from sugarcane processing in India" (Indo-UK program)

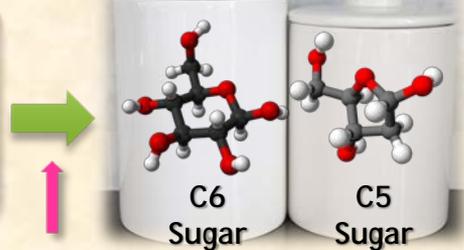
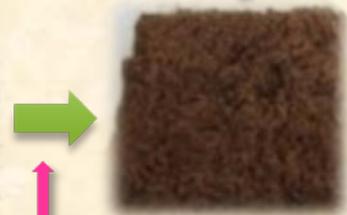
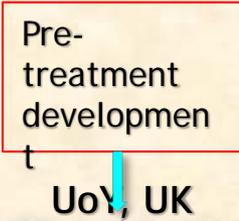
WP2-Enzymes

ICGEB, India
Univ of York, UK
Prozomix, UK



WP1-Fermentation

ICGEB, India
Univ of York, UK
BDC, UK



Natems Sugar Mill, India

WP3-Reactors
Natems, India
Jesmond Engineering, UK
Wilson Biochemical, UK

Pre-treatment

Saccharification

Fermentation





R&D Collaboration Opportunities

- Knowledge sharing - joint R&D programs in mutual priority areas
- Connecting Researchers through Virtual R&D Center
- Capacity building- Researchers/Student Exchange programs
- Bioenergy Incubator to support start ups/innovators
- Sharing of best practices



सत्यमेव जयते

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**THANK
YOU**



<http://www.dbtindia.gov.in>

Email: Sangita.Kasture@nic.in



सत्यमेव जयते

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

India-Brazil Biofuel R&D Collaboration



Bilateral Meeting on 28thFeb 2018 in New Delhi to identify common priorities and shared opportunities



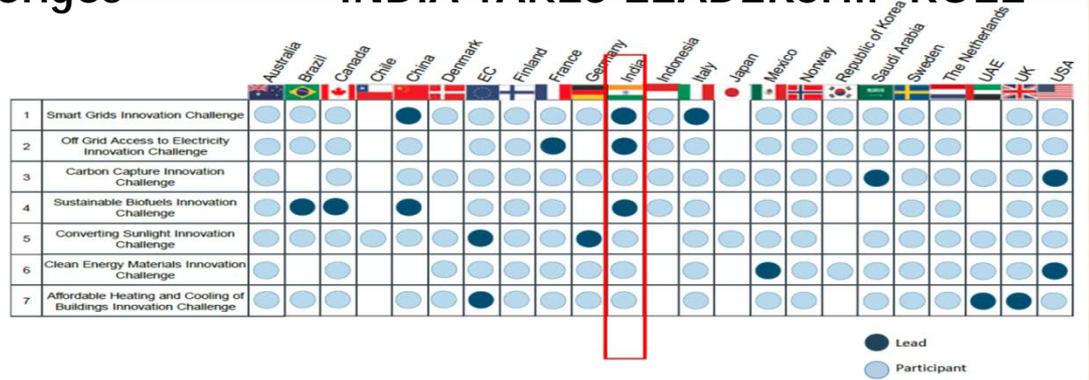
सत्यमेव जयते

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

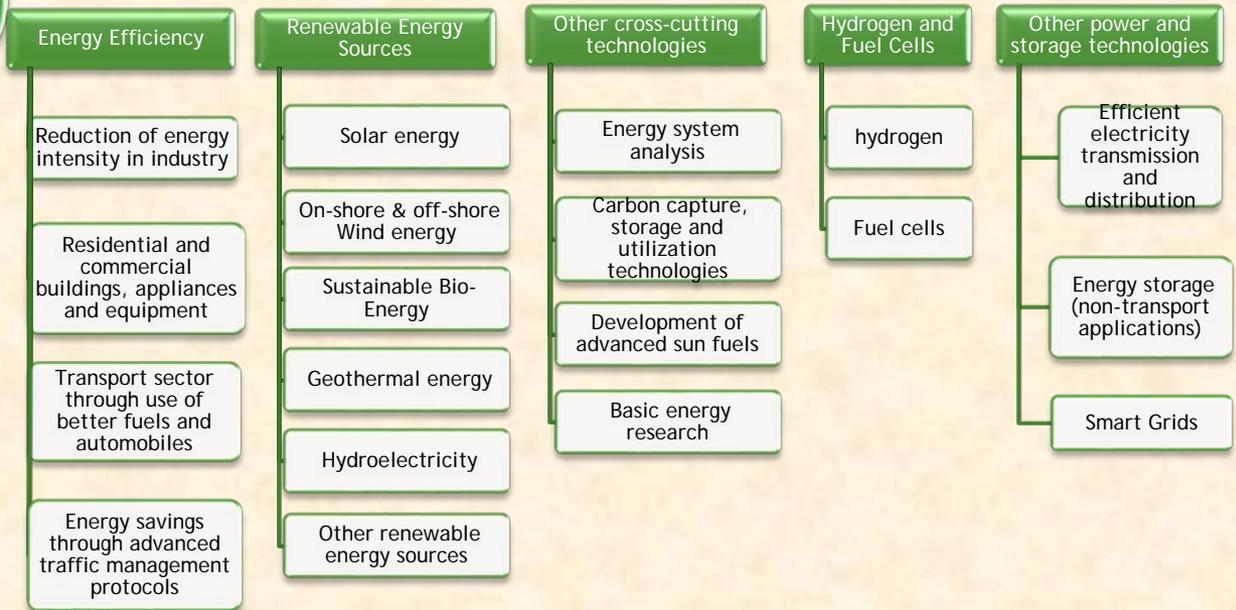
Mission Innovation

Eight Mission Innovation challenges

INDIA TAKES LEADERSHIP ROLE



INDIA'S CLEAN ENERGY AREAS OF INTEREST





सत्यमेव जयते

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Biofuture Platform-linkage with Mission Innovation (IC4)



International Sustainable Biofuel Conference in Feb 2018

Biofuture Summit-
Oct 20





सत्यमेव जयते

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

India-Brazil Biofuel R&D Collaboration



Bilateral Meeting on 28thFeb 2018 in New Delhi to identify common priorities and shared opportunities